



C E M A E S R U R A L D I S T R I C T .

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1952.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1952.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate) 1952
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	<u>Cemaes R.D.</u> <u>1952</u>	<u>Cemaes R.D.</u> <u>1951</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembrokeshire</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	14.6	13.5	16.4	15.3
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	14.7	15.9	11.68	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	30.08	48.4	25.04	27.6

Causes of Death

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total (all causes)	80	54
Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	1
Cancer	17	6
Leukaemia	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	10
Coronary disease, angina	3	3
Hypertension with heart disease	3	-
Other heart disease	19	20
Other circulatory disease	4	2
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	1	1
Bronchitis	3	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Nephritis & nephrosis	1	1
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	11	4
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	3	2
Suicide	3	1

The birth-rate is higher than that for last year, and the death-rate lower. Diseases of the heart and circulation were the cause of 40% of the deaths; various forms of cancer caused 17%, and vascular disease of the nervous system 15.7%.

79 deaths, or 59% of the total deaths, were of persons over the age of 70 years, and of these 18.6% of the total were over the age of 80 years.

The infantile mortality rate shows an appreciable fall from the high rate of the two previous years. There were 5 deaths of infants under 1 year, two due to prematurity, one due to asphyxia neonatorum, one to cardiac failure and broncho-pneumonia, and one to cirrhosis of the liver.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Pneumonia	2	Whooping Cough	3	Measles	144
Scarlet Fever	2	Para-typhoid B	4	Polio-myelitis	3

The cases of Para-typhoid B and of Polio-myelitis were all admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble.

The cases of Para-typhoid fever all originated outside the area, and there were no contact cases.

TUBERCULOSIS

8 cases of tuberculosis were notified, of which five were respiratory. One of the respiratory cases was admitted to hospital during the year. There was one death due to respiratory tuberculosis.

All family contacts of these patients are urged to attend the Chest Clinic for examination and Chest X-ray; but while families, in which a case of tuberculosis has occurred, are allowed to remain under overcrowded conditions in poor cottages which are badly lighted and ventilated, other efforts at controlling the spread of the disease are of little avail.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the Autumn, and spent one day at Newport, and 2 days at Crymmych. Persons from the area were also able to attend at Fishguard and Cardigan.

Newport Session

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total no. of persons examined	171	74	97
Definite Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	-	1
Needing further obs. for Tuberculosis	1	-	1
Healed Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4	3	1
Abnormalities other than Tuberculosis	15	9	6

Crymmych Session

Total no. of persons examined	279	153	126
Definite Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Needing further obs. for Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Healed Pulmonary Tuberculosis	10	6	4
Abnormalities other than Tuberculosis	14	9	5



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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Records were received of 36 primary and 4 secondary vaccinations.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Records were received of 169 children immunised, and 311 given reinforcing injections.

While the figures for immunisation are very satisfactory, the records of vaccination are very low. This is a cause for concern, because there have been outbreaks of smallpox in various parts of the country of recent years, and while the percentage of vaccinated people remains low, there is reason to fear the more common occurrence of this preventable disease.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

Tribute must be paid once more to the very able and untiring work of the Welfare Officer of the area.

It is mainly due to his co-operation that problems in connection with the care of the aged have been solved without having to report any cases to the Council.

WATER SUPPLY

The main Brynberian Scheme was completed at the beginning of the year, and formally opened February 26th. The Crymmych extension was completed in July.

The number of houses and other properties supplied with water from the Council's mains at the end of 1952 was:-

Bayvil	2	Eglwysrw	16	Monington	-
Bridell	18	Llanfighangel Penbedw	28	Moylegrove	21
Capel Colman	20	Llanfyrnach	135	Nevern	11
Castellan	23	Llantood	4	Newport	414
Cilrhedyn West	-	Llanychlillydog	4	Penrith	-
Cilgerran	149	Llanfair Nantgwyn	8	St.Dogmaels	313
Clydey	34	Manordeifi	31	Whitechurch	6
Dinas Cross	175	Meline	-		

Water samples sent for bacteriological examination.

Public supplies

Satisfactory	9	Unsatisfactory	5	Doubtful	4
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Private supplies, springs etc.

Satisfactory	1	Unsatisfactory	6
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SEWERAGE

The extension of the existing sewerage system at Cilgerran, including Cemaes Street and Cwmphysgog was completed.

A public convenience was erected at Crymmych.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The new refuse-collection vehicle has been a great improvement on the old system of collection in open lorries.

HOUSING

7 Council Houses were completed and occupied at Newport during the year.

Another 37 Council Houses were under construction at the end of the year.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

Dorothy H. Griffiths.

M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

Particulars of Sanitary Inspector's Work.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1952.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	60
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	60
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	2
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	7
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	8

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR.

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil

No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners) Nil

Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 4

No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners) 4

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made. Nil

No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders. Nil

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made. Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year. 7

No. of families dwelling therein. 8

No. of persons dwelling therein. 33

No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year. 3

No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year. 2

No. of persons concerned in such cases. 11

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Particulars of Work carried out during year 1952.

No. of complaints received	40
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No. of defects or nuisances discovered	31
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No. of Premises visited.

Inspections	83
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Re-visits	70
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No. of Notices served

Preliminary:	Housing	4
	Other	Nil

Statutory:	Housing	Nil
	Other	Nil

Summary Action.

Summonses issued	Nil
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Convictions obtained	Nil
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MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of Registered Dairymen	8
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No. of Inspections	16
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Milk Samples

Satisfactory	Nil
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Unsatisfactory	Nil
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Condemned Food

It was found necessary to condemn:-

Home-killed meat	24 lbs.
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Tinned Food	122 lbs.
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FACTORIES ACTS. 1937 AND 1948

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i)Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	6	11	Nil	Nil
(ii)Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii)Other premises in which section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	6	11	Nil	Nil

T. L. Bowen,

Sanitary Inspector.

